Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 018-03648-0278-032	Date: 03/08/18	Time: 1737 hours	
Location: 3980 East Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles	City or Station: East Los Angeles Station		
Bureau/Station/Facility: Central Patrol Division/East Los Angeles Station	Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO		
Type of Force: TASER/ Personal Weapons / Control Holds / Resisted Handcuffing			
Incident Category: ○1 ○2 ◉3	Deputy Injury: ○ YES ◉ NO	Suspect Injury ◉ YES ○ NO	
☒ Call ☐ Observation ☐ Detail	☒ Foot Pursuit	☐ Vehicle Pursuit	
IAB Notified: ◉YES ○ NO	Person Notified: Lt. Granek	Emp: [redacted]	IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ○ NO

Involved Employee

E1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	Middle I. [redacted]	Rank [redacted]	
Sex: [redacted]	Race: [redacted]	Height: [redacted]	Weight: [redacted]	Age: [redacted]	Shift: [redacted]
Unit of Assignment: [redacted]	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): [redacted]				
Individual Force Used: TASER, Control Hold	○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist	Individual Category ○1 ◉2 ○3			
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:	Coroner Case #				

E2

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	Middle I. [redacted]	Rank DSG		
Sex: ◉ M ○ F	Race: H	Height: 602	Weight: 270	Age: [redacted]	Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty
Unit of Assignment: East Los Angeles Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 23A					
Individual Force Used: Control Holds / Resisted Handcuffing	○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist	Individual Category ◉1 ○2 ○3				
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:	Coroner Case #					

E3

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	Middle I. [redacted]	Rank DSG		
Sex: ◉ M ○ F	Race: H	Height: 507	Weight: 195	Age: [redacted]	Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty
Unit of Assignment: East Los Angeles Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 21A					
Individual Force Used: Personal Weapons (Kick) / Control Holds / RH	○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist	Individual Category ○1 ◉2 ○3				
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:	Coroner Case #					

On Duty Supervisor ☒ Additional Involved Employees

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Inital	Kina		Sgt.	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ○ NO ◉

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Upton	Steve	W.	Sgt.	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ○ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Granek	Roberta	C.	LT

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature:** [signature] Date 1/29/19 Copy Provided to Employee by: Emp #:

Unit Commander **(Print Name)** [redacted] Unit Commander's **Signature**: Emp #: Date

FO#

☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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Involved Employee

E 4

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	DSG

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
○ M ◉ F	H	502	120	[redacted]	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: East Los Angeles Station

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 21A

Individual Force Used: Control Holds, Resistance, Resisted Handcuffing

○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist

Individual Category ◉ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:

Coroner Case #

E 5

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Unit of Assignment: [redacted]

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): [redacted]

Individual Force Used: Control Holds, Resistance

○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist

Individual Category ◉ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:

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E__

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
○ M ○ F					○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:

○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist

Individual Category ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
○ M ○ F					○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:

○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist

Individual Category ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3

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Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
○ M ○ F					○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

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Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:

○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist

Individual Category ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Silverio	David	S.
[redacted]	Cadiz	Michael	S.
[redacted]	Harralson	Dennis	E.

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty
East Los Angeles Station	22	◉ PM	◉ Regular
Aero Bureau	Air-21	◉ PM	◉ Regular
Aero Bureau	Air-21	◉ PM	◉ Regular

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	57	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	46	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	27	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	55	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	23	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	34	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	38	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	53	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	39	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
15959 East Gale Avenue	City of Industry	91745	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

☐ Additional Witness

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	
[redacted]	Mesa	Joseph	P.	
Unit of Assignment:	**Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):**	**Shift:**		
East Los Angeles Station	20S	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty	
Emp. #	**Last Name**	**First Name**	**Middle Name**	
[redacted]	Inital	Kina	NMN	
Unit of Assignment:	**Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):**	**Shift:**		
East Los Angeles Station	21S	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty	
Emp. #	**Last Name**	**First Name**	**Middle Name**	
Unit of Assignment:	**Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):**	**Shift:**		
		○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty	

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	30	[redacted]
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Phone #1**	**Phone #2**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Last Name	**First Name**	**Middle Name**	**Age**	**D.O.B.**
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Phone #1**	**Phone #2**
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Last Name	**First Name**	**Middle Name**	**Age**	**D.O.B.**
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Phone #1**	**Phone #2**

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Lopez-Garcia | First Name: Ricardo | Middle Name: NMN | Armed? Select: Not Armed

AKA Last Name: | First Name: Ricardo | Middle Name:

Sex: (●) Male ( ) Female | Race: H | Age: 39 | Height: 506 | Weight: 145 | D.O.B: 9/19/78 | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W (●) C [redacted] | Phone #2: (●) H ( ) W ( ) C [redacted]

Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 5252532 | Primary Charge Code: 244 PC | Secondary Charge Code: 664/211 PC | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? (●) YES ( ) NO Name: LA County Fire | Unit: 3 | Phone #: (323) 269-4124

Hospital Admission? ☒ | Rec'd Treatment At: LA Co.+ USC Medical | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Dr. Timothy Gillenwater | Address: 2051 Marengo Street, LA 90033 | Phone #: (323) 409-1000

Under Influence: (●) YES ( ) NO | Substance: Alcohol | 5150 a factor in force? (●) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: 11/02/2017 | Time: 1014 | ☒ Audiotape: | ☒ Videotape: | ☒ Photos of Injuries: | ☒ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S_

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S_

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

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Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Lopez-Garcia	S1	[redacted]	E1	UC	NN	
“ “	“ “	“ “	“ “	HR	NN	
“ “	“ “	[redacted]	E2	UC	NN	
“ “	“ “	“ “	“ “	HR	NN	
“ “	“ “	“ “	“ “	RS	NN	WR
“ “	“ “	[redacted]	E3	HR	NN	
“ “	“ “		“ “	RS	NN	WR
“ “	“ “	[redacted]	E4	RS	NN	WR
“ “	“ “	[redacted]	E5	RS	NN	SH
[redacted]	E1	Lopez-Garcia	S1	TR	NN	BK
“ “	“ “	“ “	“ “	CT	NN	AR
[redacted]	E2	Lopez-Garcia	“ “	CT	NN	WR
“ “	“ “	“ “	“ “	RH	NN	WR
[redacted]	E3	Lopez-Garcia	“ “	PK	NN	HI
“ “	“ “	“ “	“ “	CT	NN	AR
“ “	“ “	“ “	“ “	RH	NN	WR
[redacted]	E4	Lopez-Garcia	“ “	CT	NN	WR
“ “	“ “	“ “	“ “	RH	NN	WR
[redacted]	E5	Lopez-Garcia	“ “	RS	NN	SH
“ “	“ “	“ “	“ “	CT	NN	SH

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

IAB FILE NUMBER: FO 2450201

INCIDENT: Use of Force - The Suspect ignited on fire after being tased and was hospitalized for third-degree burns to his upper body.

URN#: 018-03648-0278-032

DATE/ TIME: March 8, 2018, Thursday, approximately 1737 hours

LOCATION: 3980 East Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90023 "Super Discount Market"

On Thursday, March 8, 2018, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Roberta Granek, Sergeant Steve Upton, and Sergeant [redacted], responded to East Los Angeles (ELA) Station, regarding a Category 3 Use of Force. Suspect Ricardo Lopez-Garcia was tased and shortly thereafter ignited into flames. He sustained third-degree burns to his hands and arms as well as second-degree burns to his chest, neck, face and upper back.

SYNOPSIS:

On Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 1734 hours, a Robbery Silent Alarm (211S) call for service was generated for the business, "Super Discount Market" (T-366). The call was dispatched as a priority call to Deputies [redacted] #[redacted] and [redacted] #[redacted], Unit 21A PM shift, as the handling unit; Deputies Silverio #[redacted] and [redacted] #[redacted], Unit [redacted] PM shift, and Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] Unit [redacted] PM shift, were the assisting units. Sergeant Joseph Mesa #[redacted], Unit 20S PM shift, was assigned the call as the supervising unit and responded from ELA Station. Sergeant Kina Inital #[redacted], Unit 21S, assigned himself to the call and responded.

Witness [redacted] called ELA Sheriff's Station and reported a male Hispanic adult attempting to assault him. He further reported the suspect was pouring gas on himself and Witness [redacted] business [redacted]. Witness [redacted] described the suspect as a male Hispanic, wearing a camouflage hat (green, brown, and orange), a gray shirt, and a backpack. Witness [redacted] also reported the suspect had two knives in his backpack, a lighter and a gas canister.

IAB Note: The audio of the 911 call is attached to this casebook, as **[Exhibit A]**. Refer to folder "Radio Traffic," files "2-Witness [redacted] 911 call" and "3-ELA's call to Witness [redacted]

The call was upgraded to a "Code 3" response after ELA dispatch learned the suspect poured gas on the building and was armed. Units 21A, [redacted] and 20S were authorized to respond "Code 3." Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] were approximately one mile away and was the first unit on scene. They exited their patrol vehicle and were immediately contacted by several civilians who were pointing toward a male Hispanic (Suspect Lopez-Garcia) standing on the south sidewalk of Olympic Boulevard in front of "Super Discount Market." The suspect was wearing a camouflage baseball cap, a gray t-shirt, and black pants. He had a black backpack strapped to the front of his body and was carrying a case of beer in his left hand.

Deputy [redacted] smelled the odor of gasoline and saw a water bottle filled with a yellow liquid in front of the business. On L-TAC, Deputy [redacted] requested a responding unit to deploy a StunBag upon arrival.

Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] were standing on the sidewalk of the southwest corner of Olympic Boulevard and Ditman Avenue when they detained the suspect at gunpoint. They gave the suspect orders in English and Spanish to stop and get on the ground, but the suspect did not comply. The suspect backed away from the deputies a few feet, turned away from them, and walked westbound on the sidewalk toward Hicks Avenue. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] followed the suspect while maintaining ten to fifteen feet between them and the suspect. Deputy [redacted] attempted to update units using his handheld radio, but his radio was not operational due to a dead battery. Mid-block, the suspect ran north across all lanes of traffic on Olympic Boulevard. The suspect had his right hand concealed behind his backpack and was yelling, "Le voy a prender" at Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] Deputy [redacted] interpreted this to mean the suspect was going to ignite the contents of the backpack.

> **IAB Note**: According to "Google Translate," the phrase, "La voy a prender" is translated from Spanish to English as, "I'm going to turn it on."

Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] ran after the suspect across Olympic Boulevard. Deputy [redacted] advised Deputy [redacted] he was switching to less lethal and transitioned from his duty weapon to his TASER. As the suspect closed the distance to the north curb line of Olympic Boulevard, he turned to face the deputies and held up the case of beer in the front of his body. The suspect continued across the street by backing away from the deputies. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] continued to give commands, in English and Spanish, for the suspect to stop, show his hands and lay on the ground. Deputy [redacted] feared the suspect had a bomb or explosive in his backpack. He also feared for the safety of several civilians in the immediate area.

As the suspect walked toward the north sidewalk on Olympic Boulevard, he turned to his right, away from both deputies. Deputy [redacted] saw a clear target and tased the suspect. The suspect dropped the case of beer and fell to the ground face up. Deputy [redacted] holstered his weapon and moved toward the suspect as he lay on the ground. Deputy [redacted] continued to hold the suspect at TASER point. Deputy [redacted] grabbed the suspect's left wrist and rolled the suspect on to his stomach.

Deputy [redacted] could not see the suspect's right hand which was under his body, but still tried to handcuff the suspect. Deputy [redacted] heard a loud noise and felt a flash of heat.

He quickly backed away from the suspect as he saw the suspect now fully engulfed in flames. The suspect stood up and ran west on the sidewalk of Olympic Boulevard. Deputy [redacted] grabbed a towel off the fence and attempted to put out the fire as he followed the suspect. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] arrived on scene and stopped their patrol vehicle on the street just east of the northeast corner of Olympic Boulevard and Hicks Avenue. They exited their patrol vehicle and saw the suspect running westbound toward them. Deputy [redacted] saw the right side of the suspect was on fire. Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy [redacted] chasing after the suspect with a towel, trying to smother the flames on the suspect. Deputy [redacted] did not want to expose himself to the fire, so he used a front kick and kicked the back left hip area of the suspect to stop him from running.

The suspect fell forward on the ground near the east curb line of Hicks Avenue. Deputies [redacted] and Silverio, were driving east on Olympic Boulevard and saw the suspect on fire while running west on the sidewalk of Olympic Boulevard. They did not see Deputy [redacted] kick the suspect as they parked their vehicle on Hicks Avenue.

Deputies [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] approached the suspect who was face down on the ground. They described the suspect as being badly burned on his upper torso area. They had a difficult time controlling the suspect as they attempted to handcuff him. The suspect was screaming in pain and twisting his body while moving his arms away from the deputies. Deputy [redacted] and [redacted] saw the suspect's skin falling off his arms and hands which made it difficult for them to handcuff the suspect. Deputy [redacted] assisted Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] by holding the suspect's upper back keeping him pinned face down on the ground. Deputy [redacted] and [redacted] were able to control the suspect's arms and handcuff him.

Sergeant Mesa was the first supervisor on scene and arrived as the suspect was handcuffed and awaiting the Fire Department's arrival. Sergeant Inital arrived after Sergeant Mesa and assumed command of the scene. All reports documenting the incident were submitted as **[Exhibit B]**.

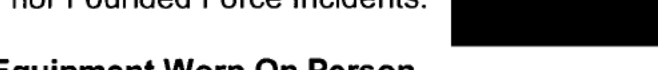
INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted] Deputy #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
[redacted]

Work History

Date of Employment: [redacted]
Date Assigned to unit: [redacted]

Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:



Equipment Worn On Person

Duty Belt
Pepper spray (Oleoresin Capsicum)
Firearm – Smith & Wesson, M&P, 9mm
Flashlight
Handcuffs
Radio holder with a radio
Taser – X26: On belt, set up for a cross draw with his right hand.
Double magazine pouch carrier
Key holder

[redacted] Deputy #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
East Los Angeles Station

Work History

Date of Employment: October 25, 2004
Date Assigned to unit: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

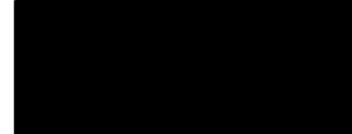
Equipment Worn On Person

Duty belt
Triple magazine pouch
Tourniquet holder with a tourniquet
Radio holder with radio
Expandable baton (ASP)
P.R. 24 holder
Handcuff case with handcuffs
Leatherman tool case with Leatherman tool
Additional handcuff case with handcuffs
Flashlight holder with a small tactical flashlight
Key carrier with keys
Firearm – Smith & Wesson, M&P, 9mm
Additional key holder
Pepper Spray (Oleoresin Capsicum)

[redacted] Deputy #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
East Los Angeles Station

Work History

Date of Employment: March 16, 2009
Date Assigned to unit: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:



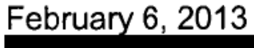
Equipment Worn On Person

Duty belt
Pepper Spray (Oleoresin Capsicum)
Firearm – Smith & Wesson, M&P, 9mm
2 Handcuff cases with handcuffs
Expandable baton (ASP)
Radio Holder and a radio
Magazine pouch

[redacted] Deputy #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
East Los Angeles Station

Work History

Date of Employment: February 6, 2013
Date Assigned to unit: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:



Equipment Worn On Person

Duty Belt
Pepper Spray (Oleoresin Capsicum)
Firearm – Smith and Wesson, M&P, 9mm
Expandable Baton (ASP)
Two handcuff cases with handcuffs
Radio holder with a radio
Tourniquet holder with a tourniquet
Double magazine holder

[redacted] Deputy #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
[redacted]

Work History
Date of Employment: [redacted]
Date Assigned to unit:

Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Equipment Worn On Person

Double magazine holder
Radio holder with a radio
Expandable Baton (ASP)
Two handcuff cases
Firearm – Smith and Wesson, M&P, 9mm
Pepper Spray (Oleoresin Capsicum)

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Ricardo Lopez-Garcia
Male, Hispanic, DOB: September 19, 1978, 5'06", 145 lbs.
[redacted].
CII #[redacted] MAIN #[redacted], FBI #[redacted]

The Consolidated Criminal History System revealed Suspect Lopez-Garcia [redacted]

IAB Note: A copy of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's criminal history is included in this Casebook. **[Miscellaneous Documents].**

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Dr. Timothy Gillenwater, the treating physician, described Suspect Lopez-Garcia's injuries as having mixed 2nd and 3rd degree burns to his hands, arms, back, chest, neck, and face. He also sustained an upper airway injury due to smoke inhalation. Dr. Gillenwater advised the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) investigators the suspect's injuries were consistent with someone who had been in direct contact with fire. He would not comment as to whether the injuries had anything do with the suspect being tased.

IAB Note: A copy of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's medical records are included in this casebook. **[Exhibit C]**.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

No deputy personnel were injured.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Deputy [redacted] booked several pieces of evidence belonging to the suspect: EV-1, one burnt backpack containing two aerosol paint cans; EV-6, three marijuana cigarettes;

EV-3, 4, and 8, miscellaneous burnt clothing from the suspect; and EV-7, one TASER fired cartridge #[redacted] Forensic Identification Specialist 1 (FISI), Antoinette Bravo #[redacted] photographed the scene and provided IAB investigators with a CD containing photographs of the scene **[Exhibit D]**. Arson Detective Ron Greene collected and booked the following evidence: EV-11, One gallon "Niagara" water bottle; EV-12, a sample of liquid taken from the "Niagara" bottle; EV-13, Victim [redacted] (Witness [redacted] shirt; EV-14, red "Bic" lighter; EV-15, Suspect Lopez-Garcia's burned hat; EV-16, "Star" lighter; and EV-17, Suspect Lopez-Garcia's burned t-shirt **[Exhibit B, page 39]**. Detective [redacted] recovered cellphone video from Witness [redacted] **[Exhibit E]**. All the evidence was booked at ELA Station under file #018-03648-02878-032.

> **IAB Note**: Victim [redacted] is the same person as [redacted] Detective Greene mistakenly booked EV-13 under Witness [redacted] middle name.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

IAB investigators responded to the scene as Arson/Explosive detectives were leaving the location. A crime scene containment was set up for the associated crime and the crime lab was on scene.

> **IAB Note:** Forensic Identification Specialist 1, Bravo, and Arson Detective Greene took photographs of the scene and the witnesses. The photographs are included in this casebook **[Exhibit D].** Arson Detective Greene took pictures of the scene and the suspect. The photographs are included in this casebook **[Exhibit D].**

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

Deputy [redacted] used an X26-TASER and control holds. Detective [redacted] used control holds and resisted handcuffing. Deputy [redacted] used personal weapons (Kick), control holds, and resisted handcuffing. Deputy [redacted] used control holds and resisted handcuffing. Deputy [redacted] used control holds and resistance.

> **IAB Note:** A check of the TASER download for Deputy [redacted] TASER, revealed two TASER activations on March 8, 2018. The first activation was at 17:48:26 hours and the second activation was at 17:48:34 hours. The duration of the first activation was five seconds. The duration of the second activation was five seconds. A copy of the TASER download report is submitted under **[MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS]**.

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT LOPEZ-GARCIA

Suspect Lopez-Garcia used personal weapons (body and arms) when he resisted handcuffing.

PROPERTY DAMAGE BY SUSPECT LOPEZ-GARCIA

There was no property damaged during this incident.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND CHARGES FILED

Investigator: ELA Station – Detective [redacted] #[redacted]

Court: Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center – 210 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Charges: On March 13, 2018, the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office filed the following charges against Suspect Lopez-Garcia: Assault and Battery with a flammable substance, 244 PC, Attempt Robbery, 664/211 PC, Attempted Arson, 451(c) PC, and Criminal Threats, 422(a) PC.

IAB Note: On October 30, 2018, Suspect Lopez-Garcia was convicted of one count of Assault and Battery with a flammable substance, 244 PC. He was sentenced to 472 days at Patton State Hospital but is currently at Men's Central Jail awaiting his transfer. Refer to Suspect Lopez-Garcia's Consolidated Criminal History Report. **[Miscellaneous Documents, see "Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Commitment form dated October 30, 2018].**

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred outside, during daylight hours. The weather was cool and clear.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEES STATEMENTS

IAB investigators interviewed the following Department personnel: Involved Employees Deputy [redacted], Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] For complete statements made, more information, and precise wording see attached verbatim interview transcriptions.

DEPUTY [redacted]

On April 26, 2018, IAB investigators conducted an involved employee interview with Deputy [redacted].

Deputy [redacted] said he was working with his partner, Deputy [redacted] when they received a silent robbery alarm call at 3980 East Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, where the suspect was pouring gas on the wall of the business. The suspect was described as a male Hispanic in his thirties wearing a green hat and gray shirt. They were approximately one and a half miles from the location when they responded "Code 3" to the location. **[Pages 9 and 10, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Deputy [redacted] saw several people standing directly in front of the north-facing door of the business as they approached in their black and white patrol vehicle. They stopped their vehicle on the southwest corner of the Ditman Avenue and Olympic Boulevard intersection. Deputy [redacted] exited the passenger side of his patrol vehicle and saw several people pointing to the suspect saying, "That's him, that's him." Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect wearing a hat and gray shirt. Deputy [redacted] used his handheld radio and advised responding units over L-TAC frequency to deploy a StunBag. Deputy [redacted] gave the suspect commands in English, to see his hands. The suspect was yelling at Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] in Spanish. Deputy [redacted] who is fluent in Spanish, gave the suspect commands in Spanish, to show his hands. The suspect did not comply and continued to yell at them. Deputy [redacted] heard the suspect yelling, "Le voy a prender." Deputy [redacted] believed this statement to be a threat that he was going to ignite the contents within the backpack strapped to the front of his body. Deputy [redacted] believed the backpack contained something combustible that posed a threat to themselves and the people in the area. **[Pages 11 and 12 of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

The suspect was carrying a box of beer in his left hand and placed his right hand behind the backpack out of view. Deputy [redacted] believed the suspect might have an explosive device based on how the suspect was wearing the backpack and him saying "Le voy a prender." Deputy [redacted] switched his radio over to the main Dispatch- 3 channel and requested emergency clearance to advise responding units of his location. He also advised them to shut down the streets and contain the area. Deputy [redacted] did not get a response on his radio due to his radio having a dead battery. **[Pages 12 and 13 of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

The suspect started backing away from Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] westbound on Olympic Boulevard. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] followed the suspect as he turned away from them and continued to walk to mid-block then turned northbound across Olympic Boulevard through lanes of traffic. Deputy [redacted] noticed Olympic Boulevard was full of cars and there were several people nearby. As the suspect was crossing Olympic Boulevard, he turned around and faced Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] as he continued to walk backward. **[Pages 16, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Deputy [redacted] advised Deputy [redacted] he was holstering his duty weapon and was going to transition to his TASER. Deputy [redacted] saw vendors and people across the street and remembered thinking it would be a "scary situation" if the suspect made it across the street. Deputy [redacted] gave the suspect additional commands to stop and show his hands, but the suspect did not comply.

Deputy [redacted] described the situation as extremely tense and uncertain because he was in fear the suspect may ignite the contents in the backpack and harm Deputy [redacted] the suspect, and others. **[Pages 14, 19 and 20 of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Deputy [redacted] felt he had no other choice and yelled, "TASER TASER TASER." Deputy [redacted] remembered he did not want to tase the backpack and waited for the suspect to turn his body. He aimed his TASER at the suspect's upper body and from approximately ten to fifteen feet from the suspect he pulled the trigger. Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect's body freeze up. The suspect turned away from him, ran a few feet, and fell on the ground. Deputy [redacted] did not know if he cycled the TASER once or twice. **[Pages 14, 19 and 20 of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview and Exhibit D, page 2]**.

Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy [redacted] move toward the suspect, grab the suspect's left wrist and rolled him onto his stomach to handcuff him. Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect resisting Deputy [redacted] and he could not see the suspect's right hand which was under the front of his body. Without warning, the suspect suddenly burst into flames. Deputy [redacted] described the flame as a "flash" and a "big ball of fire" that fully engulfed the suspect. Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy [redacted] back away from the suspect. The suspect immediately got up and started running westbound on Olympic Boulevard. Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy [redacted] grab a shirt that was on a nearby fence. Deputy [redacted] began to smother the flames on the suspect's body. **[Pages 14, 21 and 23 of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

The suspect continued to run west and eventually turned northbound on Hicks Avenue where Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] confronted him. Deputy [redacted] did not see, any deputies kick the suspect, but saw the suspect fall on the ground. Deputy [redacted] moved toward Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] and saw them struggling to handcuff him. Deputy [redacted] assisted them by grabbing the suspect's right arm and holding it behind his back until Deputies [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] handcuffed the suspect. Deputy [redacted] believed the suspect was moving around as a reaction to him being in pain. Deputy [redacted] saw the fire department arrive and treat the suspect. He reported his use of force to Sergeant Inital. **[Pages 21-24 of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

> **IAB Note**: IAB investigators asked Deputy [redacted] if he believed, based on the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's foot pursuit policy, and his understanding of it, he was in foot pursuit of the suspect as he moved west on Olympic Boulevard and north across Olympic Boulevard. Deputy [redacted] did not feel he was in foot pursuit based on his belief the suspect was not fleeing from them. **[Pages 18-21, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview].**

DEPUTY [redacted]

On April 26, 2018, IAB investigators conducted an involved employee interview with Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] said he was working with his partner, Deputy [redacted] when they received a silent robbery alarm call at 3980 East Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles. Deputy [redacted] was driving, and Deputy [redacted] was the bookman. He drove west on Olympic Boulevard when the call was upgraded to a "Code 3" response due to the suspect pouring gas on the building. Deputy [redacted] remembered the suspect being described as a male Hispanic in his thirties wearing a green hat and gray shirt. Deputy [redacted] parked his patrol vehicle facing west on the southwest corner of the intersection at Olympic Boulevard and [redacted] **[Pages 6-10, of Deputy** [redacted] **transcribed interview]**.

Deputy [redacted] exited his patrol vehicle and was contacted by a witness [redacted] who was on the phone with the 911 dispatcher. The witness pointed and said, "That's the guy that's trying to light the business on fire." Deputy [redacted] heard Deputy [redacted] put out radio traffic requesting responding units to deploy a StunBag. **[Pages 12 and 17, of Deputy** [redacted] **transcribed interview]**.

> **IAB Note**: Deputy [redacted] smelled the odor of gasoline when he first arrived at the location. He saw a water bottle containing a yellow liquid along the north wall at the northeast corner of the business. He did not hear any bystanders mention the suspect had poured gas on himself.

> **IAB Note**: In the audio of the "911" call from Witness [redacted] to ELA dispatch **[Exhibit A, audio file "3-ELA's call to Witness** [redacted] you can hear Witness [redacted] talking to Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] Witness [redacted] informed them the suspect poured gas on himself and had a knife in his backpack.

Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect facing them wearing a backpack on the front of his torso. He was holding a case of beer in his left hand and saw his right hand concealed between his torso and his backpack. Deputy [redacted] believed the suspect was trying to arm himself or had already armed himself with a weapon. He heard the suspect yelling, "Le voy prender." Deputy [redacted] is fluent in Spanish and understood this to mean the suspect was going to light it, and possibly had a bomb. Based on his observations, he believed he was dealing with a high-risk situation. He gave the suspect orders to see his hands and to lie on the ground. **[Pages 12 and 13, of Deputy** [redacted] **transcribed interview]**.

The suspect was facing Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] when he walked backward westbound on Olympic Boulevard. Just before approaching the suspect, Deputy [redacted] turned his handheld radio volume down to allow Deputy [redacted] to use his radio without feedback from his radio. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] walked west toward the suspect as they maintained a twenty-foot distance from him.

The suspect picked up his pace and quickly walked north across lanes of traffic on Olympic Boulevard. Deputy [redacted] heard Deputy [redacted] say he was switching from his duty weapon to his TASER. Deputy [redacted] advised him to stay on lethal force in case it was necessary. **[Pages 13 and14, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

As they crossed Olympic Boulevard, Deputy [redacted] saw a street vendor selling clothing and other bystanders on the north side of the street. As the suspect started to move across Olympic Boulevard, Deputy [redacted] heard Deputy [redacted] request the "Duplex patch", via his handheld radio, by saying, "10-33 give me the patch." Deputy [redacted] continued to give the suspect commands. The suspect continued to keep his hand behind the backpack. **[Pages 15-17 and 18, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

As the suspect reached the north side of Olympic Boulevard, he continued to say, "Le voy prender" making both deputies believe he was still trying to ignite a device or deploy a weapon. The suspect turned his body away from Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] giving Deputy [redacted] his back. Deputy [redacted] heard Deputy [redacted] yell, "TASER TASER." Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy [redacted] tase the suspect as the suspect was facing north, away from both deputies. Deputy [redacted] estimated Deputy [redacted] was approximately six feet from the suspect when he tased him. Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect tensed up, took a few steps, and fell to the ground of the north sidewalk and landed face up. **[Pages 21-23 and 25, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

> **IAB Note**: Deputy [redacted] remembered hearing the sound of the TASER cycling when he contacted the suspect on the ground. He did not know how long that cycle was. He did not remember hearing more than one activation of the TASER **[Page 30, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Deputy [redacted] holstered his weapon and grabbed the suspect's left wrist with his left hand and grabbed the suspect's right shoulder with his right hand. Deputy [redacted] attempted to roll the suspect over on his stomach to handcuff the suspect. The suspect resisted Deputy [redacted] by pulling his hand back toward his body. Deputy [redacted] was successful in rolling the suspect onto his stomach. Deputy [redacted] could not see the suspect's right hand because it was underneath his body. Deputy [redacted] could smell gasoline coming from the suspect. Deputy [redacted] continued to hold the suspect's left wrist and bent down to place his knee on the suspect's shoulder blade. Deputy [redacted] felt heat and heard a noise he likened to a back-draft sound heard after dropping a match into a barbecue pit. He released his grip on the suspect's wrist, backed away from him, and saw the suspect "was engulfed in flames." **[Pages 24, 25, and 27, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Deputy [redacted] grabbed a shirt off a fence and attempted to smother the flames on the suspect. The suspect stood up and ran west on Olympic Boulevard toward Hicks Avenue and removed his shirt. He saw the suspect was on fire from the waist up.

He no longer saw the suspect wearing the backpack. As the suspect ran north on Hicks Avenue, he was confronted by Deputy [redacted]. Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy [redacted] deliver a front kick to the suspect causing the suspect to fall on the ground. **[Pages 32 and 33, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect on the ground resisting deputies by pulling and flailing his arms as they were attempting to handcuff him and after he was handcuffed. He saw the suspect had multiple burns from his waist up. The fire department arrived shortly after and transported the suspect to LA U.S.C Medical Center. Deputy [redacted] reported his force to a supervisor but did not remember if it was Sergeant Inital or Sergeant Meza. **[Pages 34 and 35, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview].**

IAB Note: IAB investigators asked Deputy [redacted] if he believed, based on the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's foot pursuit policy, and his understanding of it, he was in foot pursuit of the suspect as he moved west on Olympic Boulevard and North across Olympic Boulevard. Deputy [redacted] did not feel he was in foot pursuit based on his belief the suspect was not fleeing from them. **[Pages 18-21, and 18, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview].**

DEPUTY [redacted]

On January 18, 2019, IAB investigators conducted an involved employee interview with Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] said he was working with his partner, Deputy [redacted]. He was driving, and Deputy [redacted] was the bookman. He received the handle on a silent alarm call, of "a possible robbery." Deputy [redacted] attempted to coordinate the call; however, a unit arrived at the location before them and was attempting to detain the suspect. An Aero Bureau helicopter was overhead and updating units. While responding to the call, he heard ELA dispatch alerting units the suspect had poured gasoline at the location. **[Pages 4 and 5, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Deputy [redacted] drove west on Olympic Boulevard and saw the suspect, Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] walking north, within five feet, of a camper parked on the north curb line of Olympic Boulevard. He saw the suspect in flames and saw him and the deputies moving west on the sidewalk. Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy [redacted] waving a towel he was holding in his hand in an attempt to put the flames out. Both deputies and the suspect ran west on the sidewalk and out of view due to the camper blocking Deputy [redacted] view. Deputy [redacted] drove past the camper and additional vehicles that were parked on the north curb line. **[Pages 6 and 7, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Deputy [redacted] heard Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] ordering the suspect to stop running. Deputy [redacted] parked his vehicle west of the suspect at the corner of Hicks Avenue and Olympic Boulevard. He exited his vehicle and moved toward the suspect. Deputy [redacted] saw the right side of the suspect was on fire.

He gave the suspect orders in Spanish to get down on the ground. He saw the suspect heading northbound on Hicks Avenue. Deputy [redacted] was two to three feet from the suspect when he used a straight forward kick, striking the suspect on the back side of his left hip. He kicked the suspect to stop the suspect from running and to prevent himself from getting burned. The suspect fell forward to the ground on his right side. Deputy [redacted] saw the fire on the suspect was out. **[Page 8, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview].**

Deputy [redacted] moved toward the suspect to handcuff him. The suspect was now face down on the ground when Deputy [redacted] grabbed the suspect's right wrist. He applied a handcuff to his right wrist but had a hard time controlling the suspect due to the suspect attempting to turn his body toward Deputy [redacted] and the suspect's skin falling off his arms and hands. Deputy [redacted] had a grip on the suspect's left wrist but could not get a good grip on the suspect's arms and hands because the skin was also shedding from his left arm. A deputy, possibly Deputy [redacted] or another trainee assisted Deputy [redacted] in controlling the suspect which allowed them to handcuff the suspect. **[Page 9, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Deputy [redacted] did not see any lighters in the suspect's hands but did find one in his waistband following the incident. He did not see the suspect get tased and did not see any evidence the suspect was tased. Deputy [redacted] reported his use of force to Sergeant Inital. **[Pages 9, 10, and 13, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

DEPUTY [redacted]

On January 9, 2019, IAB investigators conducted an involved employee interview with Deputy [redacted]. Deputy [redacted] said she was working bookman with Deputy [redacted] who was the driver. Deputy [redacted] received the handle on a "211S" call. Deputy [redacted] coordinated the call by having units respond to the location and take various positions around the perimeter of the location. Deputy [redacted] received an update from ELA Station's dispatch to respond "Code 3" due to the call being upgraded to a robbery now and possible arson. Deputy [redacted] estimated her response time to be approximately two minutes. She heard Unit [redacted] Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] advise they were "Code 6" over L-TAC frequency. **[Pages 5 and 6, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Deputy [redacted] heard Deputy [redacted] request assisting units to deploy a StunBag. She heard Aero advising deputies were running across the street to the north side of Olympic Boulevard. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] drove past Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] vehicle and continued past a large food truck-trailer parked on the north sidewalk of Olympic Boulevard. Once they drove past the truck, they saw a male engulfed in flames running west on the north sidewalk of Olympic Boulevard toward Hicks Avenue. Deputy [redacted] estimated her distance from the suspect at that time to be approximately five yards. Deputy [redacted] was shocked at what she was seeing. **[Pages 6-8, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy [redacted] holding a small green towel, running behind the suspect yelling, "Stop running" and "I'm trying to help you." Deputy [redacted] stopped their patrol vehicle on Olympic Boulevard just east of Hicks Avenue. Deputy [redacted] exited her patrol vehicle and ran after the suspect with Deputy [redacted] They were approximately five yards behind the suspect and did not see any flames on the suspect's back. The suspect was screaming hysterically and waving his arms but continued to run. Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy [redacted] kick the suspect in the lower back while the suspect was running. **[Pages 8 and 9, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

The suspect fell and rolled on the ground. She did not see any fire on the suspect and quickly moved toward the suspect who was facedown, screaming hysterically in Spanish and waving his arms around. Deputy [redacted] who is not fluent in Spanish, did not understand what the suspect was saying. She grabbed the suspect's left arm and attempted to move it behind his back. As she grabbed the suspect, skin fell off of his arm. She continued to grab the suspect's arm, but more skin fell off. She remembered having the suspect's skin in her hands. Deputy [redacted] felt the suspect pushing himself off the ground. She overcame his resistance by using her hand to push the suspect's upper back down. Deputy [redacted] gave the suspect commands to put his hands behind his back and told the suspect he was burned, and they were trying to help him. Deputy [redacted] heard Deputy [redacted] giving orders in Spanish. She saw Deputy [redacted] holding the suspect's right arm. She remembered Deputy [redacted] assisting by helping her control the suspect's arms and keeping the suspect from getting up. Deputy [redacted] handcuffed the suspect's right hand, and Deputy [redacted] handcuffed his left hand. The suspect continued to twist his upper body and tried to sit up. Deputy [redacted] placed her right knee across the suspect's lower back and placed both her hands on the right side of the suspect's upper torso to prevent him from turning over. Deputy [redacted] assisted by controlling the suspect's upper torso with both his hands while Deputy [redacted] maintained control of his left side until the Fire Department arrived. Deputy [redacted] immediately notified Sergeant Kina Inital of her use of force. **[Pages 10 and 11, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

DEPUTY [redacted]

On January 11, 2019, IAB investigators conducted an involved employee interview with Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] said he was working with Deputy David Silverio. Deputy [redacted] was driving, and Deputy Silverio was the bookman. Deputy [redacted] responded, "Code 3" to 3980 East Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles for a robbery call where a male was pouring gas on either an employee or on the business. Deputy [redacted] saw Aero Bureau above the location and heard them broadcast over their radio the suspect was on the north side of Olympic Boulevard running west. **[Page 7, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Deputies [redacted] and Silverio arrived at Olympic Boulevard just west of Hicks Avenue. Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect running west on the north sidewalk of Olympic Boulevard and then north on Hicks Avenue.

Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect's upper torso fully engulfed in flames. He saw Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] behind the suspect and Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] near the corner of Olympic Boulevard and Hicks Avenue. Deputy [redacted] parked his patrol vehicle west of a van parked on Hicks Avenue which then obstructed his view of the deputies. Deputy [redacted] exited his patrol vehicle and moved to the suspect who was on the ground of the sidewalk near the van. **[Pages 7-9 and 11-12, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Deputy [redacted] heard the suspect yelling, screaming and saw him twisting his upper body. Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect was heavily burned on his upper body. His skin was discolored, red, with some portions black in color and it was peeling off. He could see the suspect's hair was also burned. **[Page 9, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect was face down on the ground and was twisting his body around in all directions. Deputy [redacted] was holding the suspect's right arm while Deputy [redacted] was giving the suspect commands to place his hands behind his back and stop moving. She was trying to grab the suspect's left arm but was not able to due to the suspect moving around. Deputy [redacted] placed his right hand on the suspect's upper back area to hold the suspect on the ground. This helped Deputy [redacted] handcuff the suspect's right wrist. Deputy [redacted] positioned the suspect's left hand behind his back and handcuffed his left wrist. The suspect calmed down a little but was still yelling and screaming. **[Pages 10 and 11, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Deputy [redacted] did not see the suspect holding a lighter at any time during the incident. Deputy [redacted] reported his use of force to Sergeant Mesa **[Page 14, of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

WITNESS STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio-recorded interviews or the digitally recorded video and verbatim transcriptions submitted with this case.

DEPUTY DAVID SILVERIO

On January 16, 2019, IAB investigators conducted an employee interview with Deputy David Silverio. Deputy Silverio was working with Deputy [redacted] Deputy Silverio was driving, and Deputy [redacted] was the bookman. Deputy Silverio received a "211S"call. He received information indicating there was a male wearing a brown and green camouflage hat and a gray shirt pouring gasoline on the business. Deputy Silverio was not certain if he received the information via his Mobile Digital Computer or his radio. **[Pages 4-6, of Deputy Silverio's transcribed interview]**.

Deputy Silverio responded from the east on East Olympic Boulevard. As they approached, he saw a man on fire at the corner of Olympic Boulevard and Hicks Avenue. He saw the suspect running north on Hicks Avenue from Olympic Boulevard. Deputy Silverio parked the radio car on the corner of Hicks Avenue and Olympic Boulevard. **[Pages 6 and 7, of Deputy Silverio's transcribed interview]**.

Deputy Silverio exited his patrol vehicle and confronted a gentleman (Witness [redacted] running toward the man on fire. Deputy Silverio did not know if the gentleman was involved in the incident. Deputy Silverio grabbed a fire extinguisher from the gentleman and used it to extinguish a small fire near the suspect and the deputies. He saw Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] holding the suspect on the ground just east of two vehicles which were parked on the east curb of Hicks Avenue. He saw the suspect was burned and in pain. He did not see the suspect get tased and did not witness any force. **[Pages 7 and 8, of Deputy Silverio's transcribed interview]**.

DEPUTY MICHAEL CADIZ

On January 9, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Cadiz at Brackett Field Airport. Deputy Cadiz was working with tactical flight Deputy Dennis Harralson and ride-a-long, Witness [redacted] They received an arson call of a man pouring gasoline on a business at 3980 Olympic Boulevard.

Deputy Cadiz flew his helicopter to location and saw deputies respond to the corner near the business. He saw deputies get out of their patrol vehicle and approach the suspect on the sidewalk. The suspect walked west on Olympic Boulevard. The deputies maintained a distance of ten to fifteen feet from the suspect. The suspect walked across Olympic Boulevard to the north sidewalk. He saw the suspect stop on the north side of Olympic Boulevard with deputies near him. **[Pages 4 and 5, of Deputy Cadiz' transcribed interview]**.

He saw the suspect catch on fire and believed the suspect had set himself on fire. The suspect on fire ran west on Olympic Boulevard toward Hicks Avenue. He saw deputies catch up with the suspect and render aid. Witness Cadiz did not see the suspect get tased and did not see Deputy [redacted] kick the suspect. **[Pages 6 and 7, of Deputy Cadiz' transcribed interview]**.

DEPUTY DENNIS HARRALSON

On January 17, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Harralson at Brackett Field Airport. Deputy Harralson was working as a tactical flight deputy. He was working with Pilot Deputy Michael Cadiz and ride-a-long, Witness [redacted] They received a "211S" priority call of a man pouring gasoline on a business at 3980 Olympic Boulevard.

He saw deputies arrive at the scene and move toward the suspect who was on the south sidewalk of Olympic Boulevard. The suspect ran north across Olympic Boulevard as the deputies followed.

As the suspect and deputies arrived on the north side of the street, he saw a deputy pointing something resembling a TASER at the suspect. They were orbiting around the scene and saw the suspect ignite into flames. Witness Harralson thought the suspect set himself on fire. **[Pages 4-7, of Deputy Harralson's transcribed interview]**.

While the suspect was on fire, he ran west away from the deputies. The deputies made contact with the suspect on Hicks Avenue. The suspect fell on the ground and deputies handcuffed the suspect. Deputy Harralson did not see any force used by the deputies. **[Pages 4-7, of Deputy Harralson's transcribed interview]**.

SERGEANT JOSEPH MESA

On January 14, 2019, IAB investigators conducted an employee interview with Sergeant Joseph Mesa. Sergeant Mesa he heard a "211S" call over the radio. Sergeant Mesa was at ELA Station when he heard the call. He heard radio traffic stating someone "had gasoline on them," and there was an issue with the store clerk. He assigned himself to the call. He monitored the call from the station until he heard emergent radio traffic reporting the suspect was on fire. Sergeant Mesa responded "Code 3" to the scene. **[Pages 3 and 4, of Sergeant Mesa's transcribed interview]**.

Sergeant Mesa responded to the scene and saw the suspect seated on the sidewalk, handcuffed. The Fire Department was not at the scene but arrived shortly after. He saw the suspect was burned on his arms and back and was yelling incoherently. **[Pages 4 and 5, of Sergeant Mesa's transcribed interview]**.

Sergeant Mesa stated Deputy [redacted] told him he had tased the suspect. Sergeant Kina Inital arrived at the scene and took the handle on the force. **[Page 6, of Sergeant Mesa's transcribed interview]**.

SERGEANT KINA INITIAL

On January 14, 2019, IAB investigators conducted an employee interview with Sergeant Kina Inital. Sergeant Inital was at [redacted] when he heard a call for a "211S" over his radio. He monitored the call until he heard the call was upgraded to a "Code 3" response. He heard the suspect had poured gas on somebody, possibly himself. He heard Aero advise someone was running down the street on fire and responded "Code 3." **[Pages 3, 4, and 5, of Sergeant Inital's transcribed interview]**.

He spoke to Deputy [redacted] who told him he had deployed the TASER and tried to put out the flames on the suspect. He spoke to Deputy [redacted] who advised him he kicked the suspect on the hip to get the suspect on the ground. Deputy [redacted] said he kicked the suspect to stop him from running because he was engulfed in flames. **[Pages 6-9, of Sergeant Inital's transcribed interview]**.

[redacted]

On January 14, 2019, IAB investigators conducted an interview with Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] was assisting Aero as a ride-a-long on March 8, 2019.

> **IAB Note**: Witness [redacted] is the [redacted] at Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Police Department. He is also a [redacted] is currently assigned to the Industry Sheriff's Station Reserve Company.

Witness [redacted] remembered working with Aero Observer, Deputy Mike Cadiz, and Aero Pilot, Dennis Harralson. They responded to 3980 East Olympic Boulevard in Los Angeles for a disturbance at the location where one of the parties was pouring gasoline and was trying to light it on fire. They responded to the call and saw several people in front of the store.

He saw deputies arrive at the location and contact the suspect in front of the store. The deputies moved toward the suspect who was walking away from them. He saw the suspect run north across Olympic Boulevard and stop as he reached the north side of the street. The suspect turned and faced the deputies. He estimated the distance between the deputies and the suspect to be approximately six to ten feet. The helicopter was orbiting around the scene when Witness [redacted] saw the suspect suddenly burst into flames. **[Pages 4-5, of Witness [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

He saw the suspect on fire running west on Olympic Boulevard with the deputies behind him. He did not see Deputy [redacted] kick the suspect but did see the suspect on the ground near Hicks Avenue. He saw several deputies rendering aid to the suspect. Witness [redacted] did not witness force and did not see the suspect get tased. **[Pages 5-7, of Witness [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

[redacted]

On March 8, 2018, IAB investigators Sergeants Steve Upton and [redacted] along with ELA Detectives Juan Castellanos # [redacted] (Spanish translator) and Detective [redacted] # [redacted] interviewed Witness [redacted] at ELA Station.

Witness [redacted] was selling items at a yard sale in the empty lot north of "Super Discount Market." Witness [redacted] had brief contact with the suspect before his encounter with the deputies. She saw the suspect near the lot drinking a beer. The suspect left and went into "Super Discount Market." When he came back to where she was having her yard sale she saw the suspect was bleeding from his nose and mouth. She saw the suspect was upset and very drunk.
The suspect told her he was attacked in the store and they refused to sell him beer. The suspect left the area but returned to the location. She saw a helicopter overhead and saw something going on at "Super Discount Market."

She saw the suspect on the sidewalk in front of the store holding beer in his hands. **[Pages 2-6, of Witness [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Witness [redacted] saw two deputies walking toward the suspect, ordering him in English to stop. She saw the suspect walking toward her as he crossed Olympic Boulevard. He was wearing a backpack on the front of his body and was using his hands to hold a case of beer on top of the backpack. She heard deputies ordering the suspect to stop in Spanish as they followed him north across the street. **[Pages 6, 7, and 23, of Witness [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Witness [redacted] saw the suspect turn toward the deputies after he had crossed the street. She saw both deputies following the suspect and aiming "Guns that shoot electricity." Witness [redacted] retreated east toward a bus stop away from where the suspect and the deputies were. She saw both deputies shoot the suspect with their "electric guns." Witness [redacted] estimated the distance between the deputies and the suspect, when he got tased, to be approximately four feet. **[Pages 8 and 16, of Witness [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

She saw the suspect shaking and fall to the ground. As soon as the suspect fell to the ground, she saw him on fire. She saw the suspect screaming as he stood up, took his shirt off and run toward the corner of Hicks Avenue. She saw the suspect fall to the ground and a heavy set deputy trying to help the suspect by putting out the fire. Witness [redacted] saw deputies catch up with the suspect, and an ambulance pick the suspect up. **[Pages 8, 12, 13, and 14, of Witness [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Witness [redacted] stated when she first saw deputies they were acting as if they were going to arrest the suspect "in a threatning manner;" however, after he caught fire, the deputies responded logically and "more humanely" as they tried to help put the fire out. **[Page 26, of Witness [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

The following witnesses were interviewed by IAB investigators Sergeant Steve Upton, Sergeant [redacted], ELA Detective [redacted] and ELA Detective Juan Castellanos, at ELA Station on March 8, 2018: [redacted]

None of the witnesses saw any force being used by the involved deputies.

Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] saw the suspect pouring gas on himself, employees, and the business. They also saw the suspect flicking a lighter which was in his hand.

Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] heard Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] detaining the suspect at gunpoint and giving the suspect orders in English and Spanish to stop, get on the ground and show the deputies his hands. They also saw smoke or fire coming from behind the vehicles parked on the north side of Olympic Boulevard where they lost sight of the deputies and the suspect.

They did not see any force because the vehicles parked on the north curb line of Olympic Boulevard obstructed their view of the deputies and the suspect.

IAB Note: [redacted] was interviewed by IAB investigators on March 9, 2018, but was not at the location during the use of force and did not have any information regarding the incident.

[redacted]

On March 8, 2018, at approximately 0037 hours, IAB investigators Sergeants Upton and [redacted] and ELA Detective [redacted] contacted Witness [redacted] at his residence at [redacted] Witness [redacted] stated he saw the suspect on fire, retrieved a fire extinguisher and gave it to a deputy. He did not want to be interviewed and requested we call him to meet at another time. **[Exhibit A, see audio file [redacted]**.

IAB Note: IAB investigators made several attempts to contact Witness [redacted] for an interview by phone and by mailing certified letters. On January 24, 2018, at 1631 hours, Witness [redacted] called IAB investigator Sergeant Upton and refused to interview in person or by phone. He only called to see how the suspect was doing **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

[redacted]

On March 8, 2018, at approximately 1737 hours, at [redacted] Witness [redacted] used his cellphone to video record the use of force **[Exhibit E]**.

On March 20, 2018, ELA Detective Castellanos contacted Witness [redacted] who told him he recorded the use of force on his cellphone and sent it to Witness [redacted] Detective Castellanos was able to get a copy of the video from Witness [redacted]

IAB Note: IAB investigators were not able to interview Witness [redacted] but made several attempts to contact Witness [redacted] for an interview by phone and by mailing certified letters. **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

SUSPECT RICARDO LOPEZ-GARCIA – IAB INTERVIEW

On March 13, 2018, Suspect Ricardo Lopez-Garcia, was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Upton and [redacted] The interview was conducted at the USC Los Angeles County Medical Center burn ward. The interview was videotaped **[Exhibit F, see the video "Lopez-Garcia, Ricardo Interview 1 of 2 and 2 of 2]** and digitally audio recorded.

On March 8, 2018, the suspect attempted to purchase beer at the [redacted] at [redacted] The [redacted] refused to sell the suspect the beer. The suspect demanded the [redacted] sell him the beer and said, "I wanted to scare him in a playful manner." The [redacted] and the store [redacted] attacked the suspect inside and eventually outside of the store. The suspect was hit with a stick and kicked. **[Pages 4- 6, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's transcribed interview]**. The suspect stated he sustained bruises on his chest from the assault by the store [redacted] after they attacked him. He does not remember receiving any injuries to his mouth after the store [redacted] attacked him. **[Pages 63 and 64, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's transcribed interview]**

The suspect left the store upset, and in an effort to scare them, he told the store [redacted] he would be back. **[Pages 51 and 53, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's transcribed interview]**. The suspect went to a gas station at [redacted] and [redacted] and used cash to purchase three dollars' worth of gas. He pumped the gas into a gallon water bottle. He stated he bought the gas because he was a mechanic and used it to clean parts. **[Pages 54, 55, 58, and 59, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's transcribed interview]**.

The suspect walked back to the store with the gas to get some beer. **[Pages 59 and 60, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's transcribed interview]**. He attempted to buy beer from the [redacted]. They refused to sell him the beer again. The suspect was escorted by the [redacted] out to the front the store onto the sidewalk and was assaulted by the [redacted] again. The suspect did not know why he was being attacked again. The suspect stated that he never poured gas on himself but may have spilled a little bit on himself when he was pumping the gas. He did not remember pouring gas in or on the front of the business, but may have spilled some on the front of the business when he was attacked. **[Pages 42, 43, 44, 61, 62, 63 and 82, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's transcribed interview]**.

After the suspect was escorted out of the store he saw deputies who told him "Drop it, or we're going to shoot you." The suspect believed the deputies were referring to the gasoline, but he did not drop the gasoline. He told the deputies "No, I'm leaving." The deputies gave more commands, but the suspect did not hear all of them due to the noise caused by the helicopter on scene. **[Pages 7 and 11, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's transcribed interview]**. The suspect, "got scared" of the presence of the deputies and thought he was going to jail, so he walked across Olympic Boulevard to the north side of the street. He saw deputies behind him but did not hear deputies giving any commands while he crossed the street. **[Pages 10, 15, and 18, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's transcribed interview]**. The suspect remembered having a lighter in his right hand and one in his backpack as he crossed Olympic Boulevard. He also stated he was carrying the bottle of gasoline. **[Pages 13, 20, 21, and 22, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's transcribed interview]**.

Once the suspect crossed the street, he saw the deputies were approximately four feet from him.

He faced away from them and was about to run away when he heard a buzzing sound. The suspect felt electricity in his right arm and threw himself to the ground. He felt like he was getting burned and realized he was on fire. He got up and took his shirt off and looked for dirt to put the flames out. He threw himself on the ground of the sidewalk again, but this time he could not get up. The suspect did not remember being kicked before falling to the ground. He was handcuffed by deputies and remembered resisting deputies when they handcuffed him due to the handcuffs being too tight. **[Pages 19, 21, 23, 28, 29, 31, and 32, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's transcribed interview]**. The suspect did not remember having the case of beer while he was outside of the store but did remember leaving it inside the store. He had no recollection of a person giving him beer once he was out of the store. **[Pages 14 and 15, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's transcribed interview]**.

On the day of the incident, the suspect admitted to having "A toke from a joint" around 0900 hours. **[Pages 40 and 41, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's transcribed interview with IAB investigators]**. The suspect denied the use of cocaine or any similar drugs on the day of the incident. He did admit to using drugs approximately four years ago. **[Pages 67 and 68, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's transcribed interview with IAB investigators]**. The suspect admitted he bought three, big can, "Bud Light" beers around 0900 hours the day of the incident. **[Pages 48 and 49, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's transcribed interview with IAB investigators]**. He admitted to drinking four to five "Bud Light" beers from 0900 hours to 1100 hours prior to the incident. **[Pages 38 and 39, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's transcribed interview with IAB investigators]**. The suspect stated he did not feel drunk during the incident. **[Page 42, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia's transcribed interview with IAB investigators]**.

SUSPECT RICARDO LOPEZ-GARCIA – ARSON'S INTERVIEW

On March 11, 2018, Arson Detectives Greene and Velasquez interviewed the suspect at USC Medical Center. The interview was audio recorded. The suspect stated he drank six beers earlier in the day and was "kind of drunk." He went to [redacted] to buy more beer but the [redacted] refused to sell it to him and attacked the suspect. **[Pages 7, 10, 35, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia' transcribed interview with Arson detectives]**.

The suspect left the location and purchased gasoline at a gas station. He returned to the store approximately fifteen minutes later in and attempt to purchase beer again. He walked into the store with a bottle containing gasoline. The [redacted] refused to sell him beer again because he was too drunk. The [redacted] attacked him with a stick while he was holding the bottle of gasoline. In an attempt to scare the [redacted] he poured gas on him. He took a lighter and began flicking the lighter at the [redacted] he had poured gas on. **[Pages 7, 22, 24, 66, and 67, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia' transcribed interview with Arson detectives]**.

The suspect was escorted out of the store by the [redacted] and splashed gasoline on his shirt.

He also acted as if was going to light himself on fire by flicking a lighter to scare the employees. The suspect was confronted by deputies in front of the business and was scared the deputies would see him drunk so he left the location. While he was in front of the store he heard deputies ordering him to stop but he continued to walk away. The deputies followed the suspect across Olympic Boulevard. The susect did not recall telling the deputies he was going to ignite something. **[Pages 43, 44, 46, 55, 62, and 63, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia' transcribed interview with Arson detectives]**.

The suspect remembered being shot with the TASER and his right arm catching on fire. The suspect stated he had a lighter with a picture of girls on it in his right hand at the time he was tased, but he did not set himself on fire. The suspect remembered dropping the lighter after feeling the effects of the TASER. Arson detectives asked the suspect if it was possible after he was tased he manipulated the lighter in a way to catch himself on fire. The suspect responded saying, "I don't know." **[Page 47, 51, 53, and 59, of Suspect Lopez-Garcia' transcribed interview with Arson detectives]**.

IAB Note: Detectives Greene and Velazquez considered the following three potential ignition scenarios: There is a possibility the arcing TASER ignited the vapors of the gasoline the suspect poured on himself. The second possibility is the suspect used the lighter he possessed to intentionally ignite the gasoline vapors. The third possibility is after the susect was tased his muscles contracted causing him to strike the roller on the lighter he was holding which ignited the gasoline vapors. **[Exhibit B, pages 38 and 43]**. For additional information supporting Detectives Ronald Greene and Enrique Velazquez possible ignition sources refer to "Arson/Explosive Detail Supplemental Report. **[Exhibit B, pages 41-45]**.

IAB Note: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Senior Criminalist, and Trace Evidence expert, Steven Phillips #[redacted], analyzed the yellow liquid in the "Niagara" water bottle, Suspect Lopez-Garcia's black vest, baseball cap, and a piece of burned fabric recovered at the scene. An ignitable liquid classified as gasoline was identified in all four items. **[Exhibit B, pages 44 and 45]**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IAB investigators discovered there was only one page of Deputy [redacted] Summary Report. ELA Secretary Supervisor Maria Chavez #[redacted], advised IAB investigators there was only one page (Page 1) scanned into the Sheriff's Electronic Criminal Documents Archive (SECDA) and one page hard copy (Page 1) in their file cabinet of original reports. They did not have a second page. Deputy [redacted] was advised and said he turned in a two-page supplemental report and did not know what happened to the second page.

Deputy [redacted] advised IAB investigators the second page of his supplemental report contained his account of how the suspect was handcuffed and treated by medical personnel. Deputy [redacted] was able to explain his actions as well as those of assisting deputies in his IAB interview.

IAB investigators provided Deputies [redacted], [redacted] and Cadiz with an aerial view picture of the scene. They were able to draw the location of where they first saw the suspect on fire, where he was pursued, where the suspect was detained, and obstacles present at the scene at the time of the incident. **[Miscellaneous Documents, see "Google" map initialed and dated 1/18/2019, by Deputies [redacted], [redacted] and Cadiz]**.

SURVEILLANCE VIDEO

The surveillance video was from a camera mounted on the north wall of "Super Discount Market." The camera captured the northwest view of Olympic Boulevard toward Hicks Avenue. The suspect was seen entering the video at 1830 hours.

> **IAB Note:** Based on the ELA audio recorded calls and Mobile Digital Terminal documents for incident #366, the actual time of occurrence was 1730 hours.

The suspect was seen pouring gas on the building and on himself. He was contacted by Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] and fled north across Olympic Boulevard. At 18:37:40, on the top right corner of the video, Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] stood near the suspect as he fell to the ground. A flash of light was seen and the deputies backed up to the east. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] moved west after the suspect, and out of view. On the bottom right corner, Witness [redacted] was filming the incident with his cell phone. **[Exhibit G]**.

REVIEW OF EMERGENT RADIO TRAFFIC

IAB investigators reviewed the audio recording of the radio traffic communicated by ELA Station personnel. The initial emergent radio traffic was initiated by the Sheriff's Communication Center on the Dispatch 3 frequency.

The following is a chronological timeline of the radio traffic:

- 05:32 Dispatch — Witness [redacted] 911 call to ELA Station
- 05:34 Dispatch — ELA dispatch calls Witness [redacted]
- 05:34 Dispatch — SCC voices a Robbery Silent Alarm call (T-366)
- 05:34 Dispatch — 21A requests airship and 10-31 units to L-TAC
- 05:34 Dispatch — Aero responding with a three minute ETA
- 05:35 L-TAC — 20D – 21A "Code 3"/Suspect pouring gas at location
- 05:35 Dispatch — 21A responding "Code 3"
- 05:35 L-TAC — 21A updated Aero re: "Code 3" and M/H at [redacted]
- 05:35 Dispatch — 20S, [redacted] responding "Code 3" in two minutes

- 05:35 Dispatch SCC suspect clothing description/pouring gas on business
- 05:36 L-TAC 21A advised units to roll in and detain
- 05:36 L-TAC 20D advised 21A of 417A on a previous call (T-353)
- 05:37 Dispatch [redacted] responding "Code 3"
- 05:37 Dispatch SCC acknowledged 21A, [redacted] and 20S responding "Code 3"
- 05:37 Dispatch [redacted] "Code 6"
- 05:37 Dispatch SCC updated previous fight call/possible weapon (417A)
- 05:38 L-TAC [redacted] advised units to deploy a StunBag/24 acknowledges
- 05:38 L-TAC Air 21 suspect crossed the street with two deputies behind
- 05:38 Dispatch 21A "Code 6" and [redacted] "Code 6"
- 05:38 Dispatch Aero request 902R (Fire) re: "The suspect caught on fire."
- 05:38 Dispatch [redacted] request the "Duplex Patch" re: suspect on fire.
- 05:39 Dispatch 902R responding/Aero set up containment of the location
- 05:40 Dispatch Fire responding / [redacted] advised injuries of the suspect /
- 05:41 Dispatch 20S responding with two minute ETA
- 05:45 Dispatch Patch dropped

IAB Note: A Compact Disc containing the audio recording of the emergent radio traffic and cold-line communication is attached to this casebook **[Exhibit A]**. Refer to a folder titled "Radio Traffic."